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POLITICAL/ECONOMIC

1. King Sa'ud Heads SAG Delegation to Cairo Conference. Several days after all other Arab states had announced their acceptance of President Nasir's call for Arab Summit Conference, SAG accepted in name of "Kingdom." Another four days elapsed until finally on January 9 it was announced King Sa'ud would head SAG delegation. Other delegates include Deputy Foreign Minister Saqqaf and Minister of Defense Prince Sultan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Announcement caused some surprise locally since had been anticipated that Crown Prince Faysal would either head delegation or at least accompany King. Faysal apparently made firm decision against attending at eleventh hour. Embassy understands that SAG does not exclude possibility bilateral SAG-UAR talks if UAR initiates request but such talks would be carried out for present by Saqqaf as representative Crown Prince. (SECRET)

2. UNYOM Extension. SAG notified UN SYG U Thant January 2 that it was requesting extension UNYOM for additional period of two months. SYG had sought six month extension. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: SAG's refusal to accede to SYG's request for six month extension was probably based on its belief that by so doing it risked losing its leverage on both USG and UN to press UAR for compliance with Disengagement Agreement, particularly as regards UAR troops withdrawals. More generally, six month extension might have appeared, again from SAG's viewpoint, as if it were writing off Royalist Yemeni cause. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Withdrawal of Hardsurface. Embassy has advised SAG that USAF Hardsurface unit deployed in Kingdom since July 1963 will be withdrawn by January 31. (SECRET)

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Comment: Publicized mission Hardsurface has been training Royal Saudi Air Force.

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SAG has valued unit's presence as tangible expression USG support for integrity of Kingdom and as deterrent to UAR air attacks. (SECRET)

4. OPEC Conference Ends. The second session of the Fifth OPEC Conference in Riyadh was concluded December 31. No formal communique was issued but Saudi Petroleum Minister Yamani announced inter alia that six resolutions had been passed which OPEC member governments would ratify in accordance with their respective legal procedures, after which they will be published January 20.

While detailed accounts of what actually transpired have been difficult to obtain, the consensus of reports revealed that:

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a) Iraq, Indonesia and Venezuela took an extremely hard line advocating sanctions against companies but Iran refused to retreat from its essentially moderate position in favor of further negotiations with the companies, and was supported by most other representatives;

b) Next OPEC consultative meeting will be April 6, probably in Geneva, after which the Sixth Conference will be convened in Indonesia.

c) In meantime special ngotiating committee consisting of Secretary General Rouhani, SAG Deputy Petroleum Minister Hisham Nazir, and Iraqi Minister to London Bizzaz (probable next OPEC Secretary General) will represent Saudi Arabia and Iran in further negotiations with companies;

d) If satisfactory improvement of company offers is not obtained, OPEC intends to pass and implement sanctions;

e) Although oil companies' offers were judged unacceptable in their present form, they were considered sufficiently attractive to warrant the continuance of negotiations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. U.S.-Saudi Agreement on Television Effected. U.S.-Saudi agreement under which the United States will act as prime contractor or agent of the Saudi Government in establishing television in the country has been effected by an exchange of notes. In its note the Saudi Government explained it was opening a letter of credit for ten million riyals ($2.2 million).

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Comment: The Embassy is hopeful that actual broadcasting can begin from two temporary stations in Jidda and Riyadh before the end of 1964, or, in any case, in early 1965. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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